

# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Measures Introduced:** 17 public bills, H.R. 2999–3015; and 4 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 271–273 and H. Res. 355, were introduced.

**Pages H7948–49**

**Additional Cosponsors:**

**Pages H7949–50**

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed as follows:

H.R. 2040, to amend the Irrigation Project Contract Extension Act of 1998 to extend certain contracts between the Bureau of Reclamation and certain irrigation water contractors in the States of Wyoming and Nebraska (H. Rept. 108–259);

H.R. 2655, to amend and extend the Irish Peace Process Cultural and Training Program Act of 1998 (H. Rept. 108–260, Pt. 1);

H.R. 1813, to amend the Torture Victims Relief Act of 1998 to authorize appropriations to provide assistance for domestic and foreign centers and programs for the treatment of victims of torture (H. Rept. 108–261, Pt. 1);

H.J. Res. 63, to approve the “Compact of Free Association, as amended between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Federated States of Micronesia,” and the “Compact of Free Association, as amended between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of the Marshall Islands,” and otherwise to amend Public Law 99–239, and to appropriate for the purposes of amended Public Law 99–239 for fiscal years ending on or before September 30, 2023, amended (H. Rept. 108–262, Pt. 1); and

H.R. 2622, to amend the Fair Credit Reporting Act, to prevent identity theft, improve resolution of consumer disputes, improve the accuracy of consumer records, make improvements in the use of, and consumer access to, credit information, amended, (H. Rept. 108–263).

**Pages H7947–48**

**Transportation, Treasury, and Independent Agencies Appropriations:** The House completed general debate and began consideration of amendments for H.R. 2989, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation and Treasury, and independent agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004. Consideration will resume on Tuesday, September 9.

**Pages H7851–H7922**

Agreed to:

Istook amendment that decreases the amount that the FAA can take from the Airport and Airway Trust Fund for FAA general operating costs;

**Pages H7868–69**

Lewis amendment that increases funding for the Office of Intelligence and Security;

**Page H7878**

LoBiondo amendment, No. 12 printed in the Congressional Record of September 3, that increases funding for the FAA’s facilities and equipment program;

**Pages H7878–79**

Petri amendment to strike section 114 of the bill that eliminates funding for the Transportation Enhancements Program (agreed to by a recorded vote of 327 ayes to 90 noes, Roll No. 469);

**Pages H7870–78, H7891**

Hooley amendment, No. 9 printed in the Congressional Record of September 3, that increases funding for the Secretary of Transportation to conduct a study on driver’s license security against identity theft (agreed to by a recorded vote of 213 ayes to 203 noes, Roll No. 472); and

**Pages H7885, H7893**

Farr amendment expressing the sense of Congress with respect to locality pay.

**Page H7920**

Rejected:

Tancredo amendment, No. 25 printed in the Congressional Record of September 3, that would have increased funding for the Federal-Aid Highway program and reduced funding for Amtrak (rejected by a recorded vote of 90 ayes to 322 noes, Roll No. 470);

**Pages H7869–82, H7891–92**

Hastings of Florida amendment, No. 4 printed in the Congressional Record of September 3, that would have increased funding for election reform grants to states (rejected by a recorded vote of 186 ayes to 228 noes, Roll No. 471);

**Pages H7882–83, H7892–93**

Kennedy of Minnesota amendment that would have increased funding for the Tax Counseling for the Elderly program, the Office of Foreign Assets Control, and for the Office of National Drug Control Policy (rejected by a recorded vote of 89 yeas to 325 nays, Roll No. 473);

**Pages H7885–87, H7893–94**

Jackson-Lee amendment that strikes section 163 concerning the prohibition of funds to be used for a light rail system in Houston (rejected by a recorded vote of 188 ayes to 222 noes, Roll No. 474; and

**Pages H7894–99, H7921**

Cooper amendment to increase funding for the Earned Income Tax Credit and for other IRS compliance initiatives (by a recorded vote of 192 ayes to 219 noes, Roll No. 475).

**Pages H7913–18, H7921–22**

Withdrawn:

Hoyer amendment, that was offered and subsequently withdrawn, that would have increased funding for the Office of the Secretary of Transportation;

**Pages H7869–70**

Quinn amendment, No 16 printed in the Congressional Record of September 3, that was offered and subsequently withdrawn, that would have increased funding for Amtrak and reduced funds for all Treasury Department programs by 4%;

**Pages H7883–84**

Holt amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn, that would have increased funding for the use of alternative multi-passenger vehicles in Yellowstone National Park; and

**Pages H7887–88**

Kaptur amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn, that would have preserved funding for the Help America Vote Act. **Pages H7919–20**

Point of order sustained against:

The section under Federal Aviation Administration dealing with Payments to Air Carriers;

**Page H7867**

The section of Title I concerning Grants-In-Aid for Airports;

**Page H7867**

Section 105 dealing with the authority of the FAA Administrator to accept and use funds for certain airport projects;

**Page H7867**

The section on Federal-Aid Highways that rescinds funding under certain sections of the Building Efficient Surface Transportation and Equity Act of 1997;

**Page H7867**

Section 110 dealing with general provisions of the Federal Highway Administration;

**Page H7867**

Section 111 concerning the Secretary of Transportation's authority to transfer certain funds;

**Page H7867**

Provisions of Sec. 118 stating that the Secretary of Transportation's authority to revise a loan agreement shall be allowed under certain sections of the U.S. Code;

**Pages H7867–68**

The words "Notwithstanding any other provision of law" at the beginning of the section dealing with the National Motor Carrier Safety Program;

**Page H7868**

The section of the National Motor Carrier Safety Program concerning the funding of the Border Enforcement Program's Highway Trust Fund;

**Page H7868**

Section 130 concerning the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration;

**Page H7868**

The words "Notwithstanding any other provision of law" at the beginning of the section dealing with funding for Highway Traffic Safety Grants;

**Page H7868**

The provision of Section 140 concerning programs to increase the use of seat belts and the effectiveness of alcohol-impaired driving programs;

**Page H7868**

Provision under the section dealing with funding for formula grants for the Federal Transit Administration under section 49 of the U.S. Code;

**Page H7868**

Section under the Federal Transit Administration dealing with Transit Planning and Research;

**Page H7868**

The words "Notwithstanding any other provision of law" at the beginning of the section under the Federal Transit Administration dealing with Trust Fund Share of Expenses;

**Page H7868**

The words "Notwithstanding section 3037(1)(3) of Public Law 105–178"; at the beginning of the section dealing with Job Access and Reverse Commute Grants;

**Page H7894**

Waters amendment, No. 26 printed in the Congressional Record of September 3, that would have ordered a review by the Secretary of Homeland Security of the proposed construction of a remote passenger check-in facility at Los Angeles International Airport;

**Page H7879**

Olver amendment that would have increased funding for Amtrak;

**Pages H7888–91**

Section 164 concerning the Buy America Act;

**Pages H7912–13**

Section 212 concerning Prohibition on Contracts with Corporate Expatriates;

**Page H7913**

Section 621 concerning the Buy America Act; and

**Page H7913**

The words "Notwithstanding any other provision of law" at the beginning of section 631 and the prohibition on acquiring foreign products under the Trade Agreements Act of 1979.

**Page H7913**

Agreed to the unanimous consent request made by Representative Istook to limit the amendments offered to the bill.

**Pages H7899–H7900**

H. Res. 351, the rule that is providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to by a recorded vote of 235 ayes to 178 noes, Roll No. 464. Earlier agreed to order the previous question by a yea-and-nay vote of 240 yeas to 173 nays, Roll No. 463 and to table a motion to reconsider the vote on adoption of the rule by a recorded vote of 205 ayes to 180 noes, Roll No. 465.

**Pages H7845–51**

**Motions to Rise:** The House rejected a motion by Representative Obey that the Committee rise by a recorded vote of 100 ayes to 298 noes, Roll No. 466, and later rejected another motion offered by Representative Obey that the Committee rise by a recorded vote of 89 ayes to 302 noes with one voting "present", Roll No. 467. Rejected a third such motion by a recorded vote of 87 ayes to 305 noes, with one voting "present", Roll No. 468.

**Pages H7853, H7855, H7856–57**

**Tax Relief, Simplification, and Equity Act Motions to Instruct Conferees:** Representative Ruppertsberger announced his intention to offer a motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 1308, Tax Relief, Simplification, and Equity Act. The House debated Representative Cooper's motion, noted on September 3, to instruct conferees on H.R. 1308. Further proceedings on the Cooper motion will be postponed until Friday, September 3.

Page H7922, H7930–36

**Energy Policy Act of 2003:** The House agreed to Representative Tauzin's motion for unanimous consent to disagree with the Senate amendment to H.R. 6. Subsequently, Representative Dingell offered a motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 6 to resolve by September 12, 2003, the differences between the House and Senate regarding the electric reliability provisions contained in the House bill (section 16031 of the House bill) and the corresponding provisions contained in the Senate amendment (section 206 of the Senate amendment), and the motion was debated. Further proceedings on the motion will be postponed until Friday, September 5. Pages H7922–30

**Senate Messages:** Message received from the Senate today appears on page H7899.

**Amendments:** Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on page H7950.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 11:52 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### INFORMATION ANALYSIS AND INFRASTRUCTURE PROTECTION

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Homeland Security held a hearing on Information Analysis and Infrastructure Protection. Testimony was heard from Frank Libutti, Under Secretary, Information Analysis and Infrastructure Protection, Department of Homeland Security.

### BUDGET AND ECONOMIC OUTLOOK UPDATE

*Committee on the Budget:* Held a hearing on Update of the Budget and Economic Outlook. Testimony was heard from Douglas J. Holtz-Eakin, Director, CBO.

### STRENGTHENING PENSION SECURITY AND DEFINED BENEFIT PLANS

*Committee on Education and the Workforce:* Held a hearing on "Strengthening Pension Security and Defined Benefit Plans: Examining the Financial Health of the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation." Testimony was heard from David Walker, Comptroller General,

GAO; and Steven A. Kandarian, Executive Director, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation.

### "BLACKOUT 2003: HOW DID IT HAPPEN AND WHY"

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Concluded hearings entitled "Blackout 2003: How Did It Happen and Why?" Testimony was heard from William J. Museler, President and CEO, Independent System Operator, New York; James P. Torgerson, President and CEO, Independent System Operator, Midwest; David Goulding, CEO, The Independent Market Operator of Ontario, Canada; Gordon van Welie, CEO, Independent System Operator, New England; and public witnesses.

### GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY

*Committee on International Relations:* Held a hearing on Government Accountability: Efforts to Identify and Eliminate Waste and Mismanagement. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of State: Christopher Burnham, Assistant Secretary, Resource Management and Chief Financial Officer, Bureau of Resource Management; Anne M. Sigmund, Acting Inspector General; John Marshall, Assistant Administrator, Management and Chief Information Officer and Everett Mosley, Inspector General, both with AID; and Jess Ford, Director, Bureau of International Affairs and Trade, GAO.

### OVERSIGHT—COLLEGE ATHLETIC CONFERENCES AND ANTITRUST ASPECTS OF BOWL CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Held an oversight hearing on "Competition in College Athletic Conferences and Antitrust Aspects of the Bowl Championship Series." Testimony was heard from Scott Cowen, Chairman, Presidential Coalition for Athletics Reform; and public witnesses.

### OVERSIGHT—INTERNET DOMAIN NAME FRAUD

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet, and Intellectual Property held an oversight hearing on "Internet Domain Name Fraud—the U.S. Government's Role in Ensuring Public Access to Accurate Whois Data." Testimony was heard from James E. Farnan, Deputy Assistant Director, Cyber Crime Division, FBI, Department of Justice; Theodore W. Kassinger, General Counsel, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

### COMPACT OF FREE ASSOCIATION AMENDMENTS ACT

*Committee on Resources:* Ordered reported, as amended, H.J. Res. 63, Compact of Free Association Amendments Act of 2003.